

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:133
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2002
SUPPLY OF FERTILISERS TO BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the supply of various kinds of fertilizers to the State of Bihar has been less in comparison with the demand;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to issue directions to the IFFCO, KRIBHCO, Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizer Limited, National Fertilizers Limited to supply the required quantity of Fertilizers to the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Urea is the only controlled fertilizer of which demand of each State is assessed and then met through allocation under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. All other fertilizers are decontrolled and their availability/supply depends on market forces of demand and supply. For urea, assessed demand, availability and sales and in case of major decontrolled fertilizers i.e. DAP and MOP, availability and sales position during 2001-02 in Bihar has been as follows:-

('000 MTs)

	Demand	Availability	Sales
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Khariif 2001

Urea	650.00	721.07	598.48
DAP	110.58	91.77	
MOP	37.70	21.52	

Rabi 2001-02

Urea	680.00	587.15+	498.37+
DAP	81.29+	63.80+	
MOP	60.73+	49.13+	

+ Availability and Sales from 1.10.2001 to 31.1.2002

d) Question does not arise.